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THE CISCO KID



BRANDS AND BRANDING

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Cattle are usually branded when they are one-year-old calves at the Spring roundup. Branding is done with a red-hot iron shaped in the form of a symbol that is registered in the rancher's name with a state agency. Below are some famous brands.



Running
iron



Clink ring
held by
two sticks



Double U



Double O



Double Diamond



Eyeglasses

Rustlers use a running iron with a simple curved end. The curve of the bent iron can be manipulated to alter almost any brand, whether formed of straight or curved lines. Cattle thieves are so afraid of being caught with a running iron that they often use a hot clink ring held with two sticks to alter brands. Because of the rustler's skill in altering brands, most ranchers avoid simple symbols. Initials are among the easiest to change. It's very simple to change a W into a double diamond or double O into eyeglasses.

Some famous brands and how to read them:



Circle G



Diamond F



Cactus
Lory P



The J A brand of the
famous Adair ranch.



Lory S
Double D



Lory K W



Cap R



Spanish M



The running W brand of the largest ranch in the world—the King ranch in Texas.



Tee Hat — was this a warning to rustlers?



Richard H. Chisholm's brand. The oldest American brand in Texas. Registered before the battle of the Alamo in 1836.

THE CISCO KID

AND THE PETTICOAT MARKER

ONE AFTERNOON NEAR THE
DESERT'S EDGE...

CISCO!
LOOK!

A SANDSTORM! A BIG ONE,
TOO! WE MUST FIND
SHELTER PROMPT!

QUICK, PANCHO!
TAKE LOGO AND
GET DOWN IN
"THERE!"

SANTO! FOR ONCE
PANCHO IS GLAD
FOR A HOLE IN
THE GROUND!

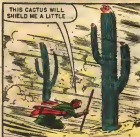
DOWN,
LOGO!

WE WILL COVER US ALL WITH
THE SADDLE BLANKETS AND
STAY HERE UNTIL THE STORM
IS OVER!

MEANWHILE, A SHORT DISTANCE AWAY...

OOH! MY EYES ARE
FULL OF SAND!
I CAN'T SEE!

THE STRAYS!
I MUST GET THEM!



THEY'RE GOLD
NUGGETS!



DAD AND I WILL BE RICH!
WE CAN LIVE LIKE OTHER
FOLKS! OH, BLESS YOU,
SANDSTORM!



THIS PETTICOAT TIED TO
THE STICK WILL MAKE
A MARKER DAD CAN
FIND EASILY!



I'LL USE MY SHOE
WITH THE HOLE IN IT
FOR A BRACE!...



THEN FILL THE
SHOE WITH SAND!



DAD WILL KNOW HOW TO
STAKE OUT THE CLAIM! I
CAN'T WAIT TO TELL HIM!
AND SHOW HIM THESE
NUGGETS!



IN THE MEANTIME...

CISCO! SOMETHING IS
EATING PACHO'S HAND!

AND FINDING IT A POOR
SUBSTITUTE FOR A
HAPPY GOAT!



MADEIRA! SO
HAPPY GOATS!
WHERE DO THEY
ALL COME FROM?

WHO KNOWS? THEY
MUST HAVE GOTTEN
LOST DURING
THE STORM!



WE WILL TAKE THEM
TO RIO VERDE WITH US!
THEIR OWNER PROBABLY
LIVES THERE!

SANDSTORMS?
GOATS? WHAT
NEXT?



THAT IS A GOOD QUESTION,
AMIGO! NOW, HURRY! OR
WE WILL NOT REACH RIO
VERDE BEFORE DARK!



A LITTLE LATER...

AI-EE! PACHO
KNOWS WHAT IS
NEXT, CISCO!
I-LOOK! A-GHOST!

HONSENSE! THAT IS
A GIRL! AND SHE
IS VERY MUCH
ALIVE!





AS THE SUN SINKS BEHIND THE HILLS...





A FEW MINUTES LATER

MAYBE SOME SAG
HOMBRE WOULD TRY
TO JUMP THE CLAIM
AT NIGHT — — —
NO?

I COUDT IT!
BESIDES, I
PREVENTED THE
SEÑORITA FROM
REVEALING HOW
SHE MARKED
IT!



AT THAT MOMENT

SO LITTLE ANNA
DOWN'S FOUND GOLD.
ROBY! WHAT'RE WE
GOIN' TO DO
ABOUT IT?

PLENTY! WE'LL GET
TO DOWN'S PLACE
BEFORE SUNUP! AND
"PERSUADE" ANNA
TO SHOW US WHERE
IT IS! I'VE GOT AN
IDEA THAT CAN'T
MISS!



WHO'S THAT HOMBRE SHE
CALLED THE GIBCO KID?
HE SURE GAVE US THE
ONCE-OVER!

DON'T WORRY
ABOUT HIM,
WEST! — — — NOW,
LISTEN CLOSE...



AN HOUR BEFORE DAWN...

PANCHO! WAKE UP!
IT WILL BE
DAYLIGHT SOON!



VERY WELL! I
WILL GO ALONE!



WHAT! — GIBCO!
WAIT FOR
PANCHO!



A FEW MINUTES LATER...

MADRE MIA! CISCO HAS
ALREADY WENT! PANCHO
MUST SADDLE LOCO
PRONTO AND — — —



FUNNY THERE ISN'T A
STABLEMAN AROUND,
ROBT!

BLACK DOESN'T
KEEP ONE! I
CHECKED! HITCH
UP THE WAGON!...
QUICK! AND BE REAL
QUIET ABOUT IT!



SUCH ACTIONS CAN HAVE
ONLY ONE MEANING!
THERE IS GULLBLISSERT
AFOOTS!



PANCHO WILL GO WITH THE
WAGON AND BE ON HAND
IF TROUBLE HAPPENS!



A FEW MINUTES LATER

I'LL WALK AROUND THE BACK
WAY AND MEET YOU AT
DOWN'S PLACE! THEN NOBODY
WILL GET SUSPICIOUS!

OKAY!



MEANWHILE AT THE DOWNS' HOME...

IT'S A DREAM COME TRUE!
NO MORE TRYING TO LIVE
OFF THE SALE OF GOATS'
MILK AND EGGS!







LATER

REMEMBER, ANNA! MY GUN ISN'T PUSSY! IT WILL SHOOT A WOMAN!

YOU CLAIM- JUMPING GOYOTE! YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS!



FASTER, GIRL! IF I THOUGHT YOU WERE STALLING---

I--- I'M NOT! HONESTLY!



AS ANNA JUMPS TO THE GROUND.



YOU FIRST, ANNA! BY THE WAY, WHAT DID YOU LEAVE FOR A MARKER?

A---A RED PETTICOAT!



A FEW MINUTES LATER...

THAT LOOKS LIKE THE GROOKS' WAGON!



IT IS! THERE IS THE
SEÑORITA'S BRACELET!



MOVE, DIABLO!
WE MUST FIND
THEM, PRONTO.



THEIR TRACKS! NOT
YET FILLED WITH SAND
THAT MEANS WE ARE
NOT FAR BEHIND THEM!



BUT WE MUST MOVE
CAUTIOUSLY! AND DO
NOTHING TO ENDANGER
ANNA!



AS CISOO DISAPPEARS AROUND A DUNE ...

A WAGON? BUT IF IT IS
THE RIGHT ONE, WHERE
DID EVERYBODY
VANOOSE TO?



SANTO! PANGHO SEES
THE SHINE OF METAL!
MAYBE HE STRIKES
THE PAYING DIRT,
TOO!



BUT NO! IT'S ONLY THE
SEÑORITA'S BRACELET!---
ONLY??? IT IS MUCH! CISCO
WOULD HAVE PICKED IT UP
HAD HE COME THIS WAY!



HURRY, BOLD! WE MUST
SAVE CISCO! AND THE
SEÑORITA! AND THE GOLD!
---SANTO! BUT WE WILL
BE BUSTED!



MAYBE THE BAD HOMBRES
GRABBED HIM IN SURPRISE
AND TOOK HIM AWAY!



MEANWHILE...

THAT SCRAP OF RED,
IT'S THE MARKER!
RIGHT, ANNA?



YES! NOW, LET
ME GO BACK!
PLEASE! YOU
CAN TAKE THE
GOLD AND---

NOTHING DOING!
YOU'RE OUR
INSURANCE
AGAINST---

ROBT? I HEAR A
RIDER HEADIN'
THIS WAY!



IT'S CISCO! ALONE! TAKE
CARE OF HIM, WES, WHILE
I STARE OUT THE CLAIM---
WITH ANNA'S HELP!

IT'LL BE A
PLEASURE!







AT A SUDDEN RUSTLING IN
THE BRUSH...



ROBY WHIRLS AND FIRES



THE NEXT SHOT MISFIRES---AND
CISCO LUNGES FORWARD



DO NOT MOVE,
SENOR! OR
PANCHO WILL---

STOP ACTING,
PANCHO! HE WILL
NOT MOVE FOR
A LONG TIME!



ANNA! YOU'RE ALL RIGHT? WE
FOUND THE OTHER ONE TIED UP!
THE SHERIFF STAYED WITH HIM
AND---GOSH! WAS
I WORRIED!

AND NOW YOU ARE BREATHLESS!
TAKE IT EASY, DAD! EVERYTHING
IS FINE---THANKS TO
CISCO AND PANCHO!



A LITTLE LATER...

ALL STAKED OUT, FOLKS!
AND I'VE GOT A NAME FOR
THE HOLE! THE CISCO-
PANCHO!

SANTO! NEVER BEFORE
HAS PANCHO BEEN THE
GODFATHER TO A HOLE
IN THE GROUND!



THE CISCO KID

AND

THE FIESTA COVER-UP

ONE AFTERNOON, A DOZEN MILES SOUTH OF THE RIO GRANDE...

CISCO! THAT HOMRE DOES NOT SO WHERE HE IS LOOKING! HE WILL CROWD US OFF THE TRAIL!

NOT IF I ATTRACT HIS ATTENTION IN TIME!



BUENO! IT WORKED!

LUCKY FOR PANCHO! HE WAS ALREADY HEARING THE ANGEL VOICES!



HE DID NOT EVEN SAY, "YOUR, PARDON, SEÑOR!"

FINE CLOTHES DO NOT ALWAYS MAKE FOR FINE MANNERS, PANCHO! LET US HURRY ON OR WE WILL NOT REACH DON FELIPE'S RANCHO BEFORE DARK!



SUNDOWN...

PANCHO LIKES THE BIRTHDAY FESTAS OF DON FELIPE! THERE IS SO MUCH TO EAT!

OH, PANCHO! MUST YOU ALWAYS THINK OF PLEASURE IN TERMS OF FOOD?



CISCO! AND PANCHO! WELCOME! I WAS AFRAID YOU WERE NOT COMING!

HOLA, DON FELIPE! WE WOULD RIDE DAY AND NIGHT TO ATTEND ONE OF YOUR CELEBRATIONS!



GRACIAS! WITHOUT YOU TWO
OLD FRIENDS, THE FIESTA
WOULD BE TINGED WITH
SADNESS!



THIS IS MY NIECE, MARIA!
SHE IS STAYING WITH ME
UNTIL HER PARENTS
RETURN FROM THE
SOUTH!

AND FOO SENDRS ARE
THE CISCO KID AND
PANCHITO! MY UNCLE
HAS TOLD ME MUCH
OF YOU!



HO! HO! THERE IS
MUCH OF PANCHITO
ALL RIGHT!

WE DID NOT ANTICIPATE
MEETING SO BEAUTIFUL
A SEÑORITA! WE ARE
HONORED!



GRACIAS! NOW, IF
YOU WILL EXCUSE
ME, I MUST SEE TO
THE DINNER
PREPARATIONS!

BUENO! FOR I
HAVE A MATTER OF
GREAT IMPORTANCE
TO DISCUSS WITH
MY FRIENDS!



I WILL TELL YOU QUICKLY
OF MY PROBLEM! MY
BROTHER INTENDS TO
ANNOUNCE MARIA'S
BETROTHAL AS SOON
AS HE RETURNS!

THAT IS A
PROBLEM!

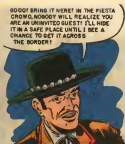


SI! SHE IS BETROTHED TO ONE DIEGO
BRENNAN WHO IS SUPPOSEDLY THE
SON OF A SPANISH MOTHER AND
AMERICAN FATHER! HE SEEMS
TO BE VERY WEALTHY! BUT HE
IS MOST MYSTERIOUS AS TO
THE SOURCE OF HIS MONEY.













AM! THE FAT ONE IS
OUT OF THE WAY! NO
ONE WILL THINK OF
LOOKING FOR HIM
THERE!



DIEGO! I HEARD
A SHOT! WHAT...

DO NOT BE ALARMED!
I ONLY SHOT AT A
SNAKE IN THE
BUSHES!



USH! I HOPE
YOU KILLED
HIM!

I AM SURE I DID,
SEÑORITA! VERY SURE!



AFTER CISCO RETURNS...

PAN-CHO!

YES,
CISCO!



HOW ON EARTH
DID YOU GET
DOWN THERE?

IT IS A LONG STORY!
PULL PANCHITO UP AND HE
WILL TELL YOU! RIGHT
NOW, HE FEELS LIKE
THE MOLE!



A MOMENT OR SO LATER...

... SO THE FALL KNOCKS
PANCHITO OUT! WHEN HE
COMES TO, HE IS AFRAID TO
CALL! WHOEVER PUT SHOTS
AT HIM MIGHT COME BACK
AND FINISH THE JOB!

IT MUST
HAVE BEEN
BRENNAN! NO
ONE ELSE
WOULD HAVE A
MOTIVE!

A LITTLE LATER...

SANTO! IT IS AS I
THOUGHT! DIEGO
BRENNAN IS A GROOM!

BUT WE MUST PROVE
IT, DON FELIPE! FOR
NOW, PANCHO IS GOING
TO STAY "DEAD"! THEN
HE CAN WORK UNDER-
COVER IF NECESSARY!

A GOOD IDEA! BUT WILL
NOT DIEGO THINK IT GOOD
IF YOU DO NOT EVEN
PRETEND TO LOOK
FOR HIM?

I WILL TAKE
CARE OF THAT!
COME! LET US
GO DOWN-
STAIRS!

NO, DON FELIPE! I AM NOT
WORRIED OVER PANCHO'S
ABSENCE! HE SPOKE OF A
VISIT TO HIS MAMAGITA!
SHE LIVES NOT TOO FAR
FROM HERE!

I HOPE HE
RETURNS IN
TIME FOR THE
FIESTA!

HE STILL SUSPECTS NOTHING!
BY THE TIME THEY FIND THE FAT
ONE'S BODY, IT WILL BE TOO
LATE TO STOP US!

THAT AFTERNOON...

THE ARBOR IS PREPARED
FOR THE FARGANSO---ON
THE EAST SIDE OF THE
RANCHO!

GRACIAS,
SEÑOR!

GISCO! YOU WILL
JOIN IN THE
FARGANSO?

NO! I SHALL
MINGLE WITH THE
ONLOOKERS---AND
KEEP WATCH
FOR SPIKE!

THE MUSIC BEGINS AND, WITH DON FELIPE AS THE LEADER OF THE BALL...



THE FARGASO IS BACK...



OH-OH! THERE IS SPIKE!
AND WITH A PACKAGE IF
MY EYES DO NOT
DECEIVE ME!



SPIKE! I MUST GET TO
HIM AS SOON AS THE
DANCE IS OVER!



HAI! BRENNAN MAKES HIS
EXCUSES! THINGS WILL
SHORTLY COME TO
A HEAD!















AS THE SMUGGLERS RACE TOWARD THE CLEARING...





MEANWHILE...

THESE ARE TWO OF THE SMUGGLERS,
DON FELIPE! CISCO HAS GONE AFTER
THE HOMBRE BRENNAN! AND HE TOOK
PANCHITO'S REATA SO---



KEEP RIDING, MEN! I WILL HELP
PANCHITO TIE UP THIS PAIR!

A FEW MINUTES LATER...

NOW WE BIND SEÑOR
SPIKE'S WINGS, NO?



NO! I'M NOT GOIN' TO
JAIL FOR SMUGGLIN'!

Cookin'!



IT SEEMS HIS WINGS
NEEDED GLIPPING
MORE THAN BINDING!



WHY DO WE NOT
WAIT FOR CISCO
AND THE OTHERS?

CISCO WILL FIND HIS
WAY TO THE GALABOOSE
LIKE A HOMELY PIGEON!
AND WITH SEÑOR
BRENNAN --- OR PANCHITO
IS MISSING IN HIS
GUESSES!



SOMEWHAT LATER...

HERE IS THE RINGLEADER
OF THE SMUGGLING RING*
AND THE PACKAGE OF---

DIAMONDS!



BUT, PANCHO---HOW
DID YOU KNOW
WHAT IT WAS?

RELAX, AMIGO!
PANCHO HAS NOT
THE SECOND
SIGHT! SPIKE
LET THE CAT
IN THE BAG!



LATER...

UNCLE FELIPE!
I HAVE BEEN
SO WORRIED!

THERE IS NOTHING MORE TO WORRY
ABOUT, CHICUITA! TELL HER, CISCO!



AFTER CISCO TELLS THE STORY...

SO THE TROUBLE IS ALL
OVER, SEÑORITA! AND
WE WILL NOW JOIN
THE DANCE---AS
SOON AS I REMOVE
MY SPURS!

I WILL NEVER
BE ABLE TO
THANK YOU AND
PANCHO ENOUGH!



IN A FEW MINUTES...

AH, PANCHO! CISCO
AND MARIA MAKE A
HANDSOME COUPLE!

S! BUT DO NOT
GET THE IDEAS,
DON FELIPE!
CISCO IS ONE
HOMBRE WHOSE
WINGS CAN NOT
BE CLIPPED!

